



Gary Sinise

**Star of the new CBS series,
C.S.I.: NY as Detective Mac Taylor**

Lt. Dan Band

June 29, 2004

Veteran's Memorial Park

7 p.m.

Free to Team Kirtland personnel
and retirees

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets

**Meet Lt. Dan at the Thunderbird Inn
from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(The day of the concert).**

Call 846-1644

for more information.

Please no coolers in park.

COMMENTARY

Motorcycles: dress for the crash, not the ride

BY TECH. SGT. JUAN TOLEDO
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LUKE AFB, Ariz. (AETCNS)—Motorcycle riders never want to crash, but true riders get ready to ride by selecting and wearing the right safety equipment for the crash and not the ride.

When I started riding some 34 years ago, I thought all I needed was a motorcycle and a helmet. Although a helmet is a great start, there are several other items of protective gear

people should consider wearing.

In addition to a Snell and DOT approved helmet, I wear riding goggles, hearing protection, chest protector, riding jersey, riding gloves, Kevlar reinforced riding pants with hip pads, riding shorts, kidney belt, knee braces, riding socks and top-of-the-line riding boots.

This was what I decided was important to me after doing my research.

I was glad I selected all of these items when I was involved in a dirt bike mishap just four weeks ago. The

bike high-sided and threw me off. After I flipped in the air, I landed on the back of my right shoulder. The next thing to hit was my helmet followed by my upper back. As my lower back and hip area hit the ground, I felt excruciating pain. It turns out my lower back landed on a boulder larger than a basketball.

I ended up in the hospital for a week with a fractured pelvis.

There is no doubt in my mind, although I suffered an injury, things

would have been much worse if I had not been wearing my safety equipment and I could be writing this from my new wheel chair.

This is my advice to you: when selecting a motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle, you must also consider, as part of your purchase, all of the safety gear required by the Air Force and the optional gear you consider important.

If you can only buy the motorcycle but can't buy the protective gear, then you can't afford the motorcycle.



Photo by Ken Frederick, USDA Forest Service

Fire fighters refill here

C-130s from Air Force Reserve Command's 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo., pull into the "retardant pit" at the Albuquerque Air Tanker Base on Kirtland AFB. The aircraft have been deployed to help fight fires in New Mexico. The aircraft carry 2,700 gallons of fire retardant which can be discharged in under five seconds. The aircraft's loadmaster "arms" the retardant delivery system in flight by charging the five tanks with compressed air.

Manpower, personnel functions merge

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RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AETCNS)—Manpower, personnel and education and training functions will merge and realign under mission support squadrons at installations throughout the Air Force effective July 1.

"Manpower and personnel have been separate disciplines throughout the Air Force's history," said Col. Douglas V. Bell, Air Education and Training Command's Manpower and Organization chief. "Merging them will provide cradle-to-grave processes for human resource management."

As part of the realignment, the mission support squadron will now be responsible for both manpower and

personnel actions, Colonel Bell said. "The new organization will better align both military and civilian resources with manpower requirements for mission accomplishment," he said.

"The increased emphasis on force development demands a better linkage between manpower requirement determination and resource development and employment," according to the Program Action Directive signed by Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

Currently, personnel in separate Air Force Specialty Codes manage the three functions. "Unfortunately, actions often happen within the separate stovepipes that hinder their overall efficiency," according to the directive.

Buckle-up for safety

